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serve as intermediary between the VPD and the State Security Service. These liaison officers are required to attend monthly meetings at Soviet headquarters at Niemegek. One liaison officer has also been assigned to every VPD command, to act as contact with Soviet headquarters, and a chief liaison officer (Sovietnik) for all VPD is to serve as liaison officer between the VP and the Soviet authorities and Soviet army.

In connection with this reorganization, increased stress is being laid on political supervision and training of VP members. Under intensified security regulations, the men are not allowed to own personal property, such as books, clothing, etc. They are forbidden to leave the post during off-duty hours, and are granted no furloughs. There is a tendency gradually to discharge those members of the VP who have been with the organization since its inception. They will be replaced by young and fanatical members of the Free German Youth, who will also fill high-ranking posts in the VP military units. These men will be trained at the Soviet military academy at Volsk, near Saratov. There are always from 100 to 150 VP officers attending the academy. The courses generally last 6 months.

The regular police will be given a brief period of training according to the former German Kruepfer System/a rotation system of training set up by Scharnhorst to build up a large pool of trained men in Germany; it was in effect from 1809 to 1813, when Germany was permitted to have no more than 42,000 men under arms at any given time/, after which they are to return to duty with their regular units. The same procedure is planned for the male members of the Free German Youth. The HVA (Main Administration for Training) maintains a register of young men in 1930 - 1934 classes, which contains the names of some 500,000 men, a portion of whom will receive military training with the VP.

In the future, groups of men from the Border Police also will be given strictly military training in the VPD. The Transportation Police has been taken out of the purview of the railroad administration and placed under the jurisdiction of the Main Administration for the VP and the HVA.

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